

Project Subject:

Sub-Project Identification: NA

Amendment No. NA

Originating Division: Scientific Resources Division, O/SI

a. Division Chief:

b. Branch Chief:

c. Case Officer: NA

Target Area: Rumania and Bulgaria

Type of Project: Open Literature Survey to Provide Background  
Data for National Intelligence Surveys.

Financial Mechanism: Direct Purchase of Service - Use of OSI  
Object Class 07 Funds.

Funds Requested: \$600.00 for FY 1954

Current Status: New. Project to be completed in two sections -  
Rumania on or before 1 February 1954, and  
Bulgaria on or before 1 April 1954.

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1. OBJECTIVE

The objective is to prepare, by the use of available open literature, papers dealing with the history and tradition of science in Rumania and Bulgaria in order to obtain authoritative background data for Section 70 of NIS-22 (Rumania) and NIS-23 (Bulgaria).

2. ORIGIN AND POLICY GUIDANCE

a. Origin. Under DCID 3/4 and recurrent allocation of production responsibilities for Chapter VII, Scientific, of the National Intelligence Survey, (NIS), CIA is responsible for producing Section 70, Introduction.

b. Whence Proposed. The project originated in the Scientific Resources Division, (SRD), OSI.

3. SITUATION

Open literature surveys provide background data which is essential for the preparation of NIS contributions. However, such surveys require substantive knowledge and language facility on the part of the researcher which is not always readily available within the Agency. Consequently, it is often necessary to seek outside assistance in order to fulfill O/SI production responsibilities. Discussions with the External Research Staff (ERS), Office of Intelligence Research (OIR), Department of State have indicated that such research can be done, in this instance, by qualified individuals available through [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who was formerly with the Department of State. Approximately seven or eight faculty members are active with the Institute and are supplemented by a group of ten or twelve highly qualified graduate students. The Institute has extensive holdings of Satellite literature and concentrate their effort on social-scientific research.

4. PROPOSAL

It is proposed that arrangements be made with the Institute for selected individuals to survey available, pertinent, foreign and English literature covering the history and tradition of science in Rumania and Bulgaria in accordance with directions to be provided by the Chief, SRD. Work would involve the preparation of two basic papers with supporting bibliographies. No CIA or other classified material will be needed for this study, and all [REDACTED]

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5. OPERATIONAL OUTLINE

a. Tasks.

The present NIS production schedule calls for the submission of SRD's contributions on Rumania by 1 April 1954. The unofficial planning date for Bulgaria is 1 June 1954. Since supporting background material must be available to the intelligence analyst a minimum of eight weeks before these deadlines, it is planned that the proposed research be performed as two separate tasks -- work on Rumania to be completed by 1 February 1954 and that on Bulgaria by 1 April 1954.

b. Key personnel.

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c. Indigenous groups and/or leaders. NA.

d. Target groups. NA

e. Duration. It is estimated that two--four weeks would be required for each paper.

f. Graphic illustrations. NA.

6. SECURITY

a. Cover. See b. below.

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c. Operational Security. [ ] formerly worked for the Department of State and has been cleared by them for work of this type. Name checks, however, would be requested on all of the persons concerned.

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d. Risks. In case of disclosure of CIA's sponsorship, risks would be minimal. Such disclosure would only indicate that the Agency relies in part on the Communist Bloc's open literature for intelligence information. This fact may be assumed to be already well known.

e. Personnel Disposal. NA

f. Disaster Plan. NA

7. COORDINATION

a. Relation to Other Projects. Coordination within CIA indicates that this is the only active or proposed project for providing the required data.

b. Significance Within Over-all Program in Area. In addition to immediate utility as background data for NIS contributions, the reports obtained would provide information, not only concerning factors which have advanced or impeded scientific development during different periods of history, but would show how negative factors have been overcome, and would indicate scientific fields in which major developments may be anticipated. They would also furnish information concerning living scientists and their major contributions, and would provide data concerning scientific institutions of various kinds, which have, and will continue to have, a focal position in scientific development.

c. Extent of Coordination. The project has been coordinated with the Foreign Documents Division, (FDD), Office of Operations. Results of this research would be made available to FDD, the CIA library and other interested government agencies.

8. CONTROL



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9. BUDGET DATA

a. Total over-all CIA funds required for Fiscal Year 1954: \$600 vouchered.

The required reports would be handled on a job basis and would cost approximately \$300 each. The total would thus be \$600.

b. Availability of the Required CIA Funds. Object Class C7 Funds from the Fiscal Year 1954 budget are available to cover the costs.

c. Non-CIA Funds. NA

d. Foreign Currency. NA

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f. Financial History. NA

g. Future Requirements. None

10. SUPPORT DATA

a. Total CIA Personnel. Administration of this project would be the responsibility of the Chief, SRD.

b. Material. NA

c. Communications. NA

d. Other CIA Support. NA

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11. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

a. Current Status. This is a new proposal, which is patterned after projects with the [ ] in the fields of chemistry and metallurgy.

b. Commitments. No commitments or contacts have been made pending approval of this project. Preliminary correspondence has been conducted by [ ] 25X1A

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c. Effectiveness. NA

d. Anticipated results. NIS contributions for Chapter VII, Section 70 require an historical study of the scientific development of each country. As future developments can be assessed more accurately from the vantage point of past performance, such studies contribute materially to the quality of NIS production. The effectiveness of such research has been fully demonstrated by previous NIS contributions. The project would not only provide necessary basic documents which would be of material assistance in fulfilling office production requirements, but the preparation by an outside group would permit intelligence analysts to devote more time to research on classified material with a resulting increase in the quality of production.

e. Evaluation. The comprehensiveness of the literature coverage, and the accuracy and objectivity of reporting would be evaluated when the drafts of the NIS's are in process of preparation. Comparisons would be made with relevant data obtained from other sources and completed drafts would also be circulated within the intelligence community for evaluation and utilization.

f. Policy Questions. None.

g. Congress. NA

h. Extra-Agency action. Surveys of this type are extremely important and necessary in preparing contributions in the history of science in response to NIS requirements. In certain cases, however, the required substantive knowledge and linguistic capability to perform such a survey is not readily available with the Agency. It then becomes necessary to seek outside assistance in order to better utilize Agency funds and personnel. Since the material used is unclassified, substantial savings can be made in both money and man-hours.

i. Proprietary Companies. NA

j. Special Considerations. NA

k. Liquidation. NA

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